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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand ranged from slow for current shipments to instances good for deferred. No trading reported. Offerings light for current deliveries, light to adequate for deferred. Undertone weakening on tom breast meat with prices reported at lower trending price levels from current production. Demand slowed to light on fresh tom breast meat for current shipment with offerings exceeding demand, however inquiry is noted for deferred deliveries. Offerings of hen bulk parts ranged from tight on 2-joints to available on necks. Tom bulk part offers ranged from mostly adequate on 2-joint wings to instances ample on drums.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export interest continues to be active for Asia on thigh meat. Some processor reluctance noted to sell product to Mexico due to various interpretations of their new import regulations. Trading fair for Asia, light for other destinations.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 20, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	70.00	1000	OCT	1000	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 APRIL 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on tom drums with instances of increased confidence noted. Seller trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat steady to fully steady, however, buyer sentiment noted at steady to barely steady. Undertone steady to fully steady on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. Trading light to fair centering on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. Plant grade 10-12 lb. breasts (part loads) 125 cents delivered. Some mixed hen and tom tails for export noted at lower trending price levels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00-96.50		96.25	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	125.00	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	43
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	55
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	180.00		180.00	16
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	190.75	320
THIGH MEAT		M	44.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	44.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	118.00	50
SCAPULA MEAT		W	110.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	138.00	13
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00		160.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	69.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.50	160

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	16.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.00	208
TAILS	15.50		15.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.33	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	43.50	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77-85
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-76

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 APRIL 1999.

Undertone steady to weak on tom breast meat, tenderloins steady at best, wing meat and breast trim steady, tom drums steady to instances weak with some reluctant to sell at current price levels. Domestic demand active on rib breasts, light to fair at best on the balance of items. Frozen thigh meat offers held with varying degrees of confidence, tom bulk parts adequate to ample with 2-joints the best balanced. Mechanically separated turkey offers exceed demand with some not producing it at current price levels. Grade A 8-10 lb. breasts 104, ground breast trim 108-109, fresh destrapped tenderloins 158 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	89.00		89.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	125.00	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	15.00		15.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	38.00-38.50		38.25	80
NECKS, TOM		T	18.00	55
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	169.00-173.00		171.67	600
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	191.00-193.00		191.57	280
THIGH MEAT	43.00-45.00		43.46	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	42.00		42.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	105.00		105.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	138.00	13
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	160.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	63.00-68.00		66.18	110
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	20

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.00	208
TAILS	20.00-22.00		21.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.00		12.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.00-42.00		41.36	364

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA		W/E 4/21/99	
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS
1998-99	5,726	405,208	405,558
1997-98	12,567	410,249	410,499

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